

HOUSE BILL 607

By DeBerry J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 35, relative to sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended designating the existing language of subdivision (k)(1) as subdivision (k)(1)(A) and by adding the following new subdivisions:

(B) On or after July 1, 2009, there shall be no release eligibility for a person committing aggravated robbery with a firearm, as defined in § 39-13-402, if the person has a prior conviction for a dangerous felony, as defined in § 39-17-1324(i), until the person has served seventy-five percent (75%) of the sentence imposed. No sentence reduction credits earned or retained shall operate to reduce the mandatory minimum sentence imposed by the court by more than twenty-five percent (25%).

(C) On or after July 1, 2009, there shall be no release eligibility for a person committing aggravated robbery with a firearm, as defined in § 39-13-402, if the person has a prior felony conviction, until the person has served sixty percent (60%) of the sentence imposed. No sentence reduction credits earned or retained shall operate to reduce the mandatory minimum sentence imposed by the court by more than forty percent (40%).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.